PRESENT—*cont.*

Sriramulu, Mr. G.
Subbarayan, Dr. P.
Subrahmanya Chetti, Rao Sahib P.
Subrahmanya Bhatt, Mr. U. C.
Sundara Rao Nayudu, Mr. T.
Syed Tajuddin Sahib Bahadur, Khan Sahib.
Thangal, Mr. P. M.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Thorne, C.I.E., I.C.S., Mr. J. A.
Vasudeva Pillai, Mr. V. G.
Vedachala Mudaliyar, Mr. M.
Venkatachala Reddiyar, Mr. K. C. M.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venugopal Nayudu, Rao Bahadur R. K.
Viswanatha Rao, Diwan Bahadur V. N.
Yahya Ali Sahib Bahadur, Khan Bahadur.
Yakub Hasan Sahib Bahadur.
Zamindar of Kirlampudi, The.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram, The.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Factories

Appointment of Mr. Fyfe as the Chief Inspector of Factories.

* 787 *Q.*—Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Fyfe was appointed as Chief Inspector of Factories;

(*b*) whether this appointee satisfies all the requirements of qualifications prescribed for the post;

(*c*) if not, why was he appointed;

(*d*) whether there is no other person qualified to hold the place in the service; and

(*e*) if so, why was he not appointed to the place?

A.—(*a*) Yes. He has been temporarily appointed.

(*b*) *to* (*e*) His qualifications as well as those of the persons in the service, their experience, service and suitability for the post are all still under the careful consideration of the Government.

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I know how many persons there are in the service who are qualified to hold the post of Chief Inspector of Factories?"

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—"The whole question of qualification is under the consideration of the Government and it is not possible for me to say how many are qualified."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar:—"May I ask whether there are any qualifications prescribed for this post?"

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—"Yes."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I know whether it is proposed to supersede several seniors and appoint a junior?"

The Hon. Sir Mahomed Usman:—"As I have already said, the whole question is under consideration and it is not possible for me to say what the Government are going to do."

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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know whether the particular gentleman who has been appointed to act as Chief Inspector possesses those qualifications which have been prescribed?"

The Hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"As stated here 'his qualifications as well as those of the persons in the service, their experience, service and suitability for the post are all still under the careful consideration of the Government'."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know what his qualifications are?"

The Hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN:—"It is not possible for me to say that."

Local Self-Government

Alleged irregularity in Salem District Board in the matter of disposal of tenders for the supply of stationery articles.

* 788 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been received from certain members of the Salem District Board in the matter of disposal of tenders for the supply of stationery articles for 1933–34;

(*b*) what orders have been passed in the matter and whether a copy of it will be placed on the table; and

(*c*) if orders have not been passed in the matter, why it is still kept pending?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government do not propose to interfere in the matter.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I know, Sir, whether any definite orders have been passed with regard to this matter?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"It is not possible for Government to take any action and Government will pass such orders as they consider necessary when the report of the auditor is received."

B. POCKER SAHIB BAHADUR:—"May I know whether it is open to the district board to act in direct violation of the Government Order with reference to the acceptance of tenders?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"It is not open to them to do so."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know the nature of the representations made to the Government with regard to this matter?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"These representations are that the lowest tender has not been accepted and some other tender has been reduced to the figure of the lowest tender and the latter was